

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-28 were canceled. Claims 29-46 are pending. New sub-claims 32-46 are added.

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner in so many ways for accepting an international phone call from Japan and discussing with applicant the following items very early in the morning (6:00 a.m. EST):

- (1) The proposed amendment to claims 29-31;
- (2) New sub-claims 32-46; and
- (3) The amendment to the specification rendered in the previous amendment.

Claims 29-31

Claims 29-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In response to the O.A., the claims are amended in the following manner.

- "displays object" is amended to "displays an object";
- "with arm joint wrinkle" is amended to "with one or more of arm joint wrinkles";
- "on display" is amended to "on a display";
- "wherein said method comprising the steps of" is amended to "said method comprises the steps of";

- "retrieving image" is amended to "retrieving an image";
- "from data storage area" is amended to "from a data storage area";
- "comprises arm" is amended to "comprises an arm";
- "comprises upper arm, lower arm, and arm joint" is amended to "comprises an upper arm, a lower arm, and an arm joint";
- "joint, arm joint angle value" is amended to "joint, an arm joint angle value";
- "indicates 1st value" is amended to "indicates a 1st value";
- "a 1st length of wrinkle image" is amended to "a wrinkle image of a 1st length";
- "indicates image of wrinkle" is amended to "indicates a wrinkle";
- "a 1st amount of wrinkle image is" is amended to "a 1st amount of said one or more of arm joint wrinkles are";
- "said 1st amount of wrinkle image is" is amended to "said 1st amount is";
- "indicates 2nd value" is amended to "indicates a 2nd value";
- "a 2nd length of wrinkle image" is amended to "said wrinkle image of a 2nd length";
- "which indicates image of wrinkle shorter" is amended to "which is shorter";
- "said 1st length of wrinkle image" is amended to "said 1st length";
- "a 2nd amount of wrinkle image is" is amended to "a 2nd amount of said one or more of arm joint wrinkles are";
- "said 2nd amount of wrinkle image" is amended to "said 2nd amount";
- "said 2nd value is value higher than" is amended to "said 2nd value is larger than";
- "said 2nd amount of wrinkle image" is amended to "said 2nd amount";

- "smaller compared to" is amended to "smaller than"; and
- "said 1st amount of wrinkle image" is amended to "said 1st amount".

Claim 30

The Examiner states in the O.A. that claim 30 is directed to non-statutory matter on the ground that claim 30 is "determined to be an arm joint wrinkle displaying method which displays (an) object with arm joint wrinkle on display, consisting solely of mathematical operations, converting one set of numbers into another set of numbers, whereby the method does not manipulate appropriate subject matter".

Applicant believes that claim 30 does not convert one set of numbers (e.g., the 1st and 2nd values) into another set of numbers (e.g., the 1st and 2nd amounts) -- the "integral number" described in claim 30 merely meant to be the number with no decimal fractions, i.e., the whole number (e.g., "1", "2", "3" are whole numbers, but "1.2", "2.1", "3.4" are not -- they include decimal fractions). In order to avoid misleading the reader of this application, "integral number" is amended to "whole number".

Conclusion

For all of the above reasons, applicant submits that the claims all define patentably over the prior art. Therefore, applicant submits that this application is

now in condition for allowance, which action applicant respectfully solicits.

Conditional Request Constructive Assistance

Applicant has amended the claims so that they are proper, definite, and define novel structure which is also unobvious. If, for any reason this application is not believed to be in full condition for allowance, applicant respectfully requests the constructive assistance and suggestions of the Examiner pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 2173.02 and § 707.07(j) in order that applicant can place this application in allowable condition as soon as possible and without the need for further proceedings.

Applicant has no intent to limit the scope of each claim presented in this amendment by the previous amendment(s) submitted by applicant.

Applicant has no intent, by submitting this amendment, (1) to narrow the scope of any claim nor (2) to surrender any equivalent of any element included in the claims. No new matter is added by this amendment.

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Applicant has no intent to limit the scope of the claims presented in this amendment by the previous amendment(s) (if any) submitted by applicant.

Applicant has no intent to surrender any equivalent of any element included in the claims by any amendment, whether previously or subsequently submitted, of the claims unless expressly and unambiguously stated otherwise in the amendment.

Applicant has no intent to limit the scope or deny the patentability of this

application by other applications filed by applicant.

Applicant has no intent to limit the scope or deny the patentability of other applications filed by applicant by this application.

No new matter is added by this amendment.

Date: 2006/11/30

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Iwao Fujisaki".

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